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Chicago, 4-15-75

Gen. O. O. Howard

Portland Oregon

I enclose herewith Five Dollars,

in payment for your article entitled From Oregon

printed in the ADVANCE. 4-15-75 a copy of which is

mailed to you to-day. Also Five dollars for your letter on "Grand Ronde Reservation" which will appear soon.

Yours,

H. A. Farrand

For the Editor.

Rowland has accepted your Gerit Smith article for "Round the Table" — thinking it was too personal as related to yourself to be sent forward as written expressly for our Contributors' Columns — We do not pay for "Round the table" — (over)

Rowland has probably written
you that he is going to leave
P. — Mother talks of visiting
the orphans & aunt Martha
at Richmond & Hd. orphans
& then going East & of
attending Guy's graduation.
I do not think she can do
the latter unless some one
is with her to escort &
care for her as undoubtedly
Guy will have other lady
friends & could not
possibly devote all his
time to mother —
We are all well. Mr & Mrs.
Porter & John have gone to visit
sister Nina (Mrs. Riggs) at Fort Sully.
It is snowing here today — yes effectually
C. L. T.

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

Portland, Oregon, April 15th 1875.

Dear General:

It does seem to me, to us! that you should be here at the anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. If we wait until the 2nd Sunday in May, cant you be here?

A little detail in the management, previous to the meeting, will give us a great advantage, if arranged by yourself, in the way of a special breakfast or something of the kind, getting the real helpers together.

Several more interesting cases in & out of the jail = "I was in prison" etc.

Respectfully & sincerely —

W. C. Pilkington

P.S. Please ans. from Walla Walla

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Fort Walla Walla W.T.
April 18 1875

Capt. M. C. Wilkinson

Dear Sir:

At the solicitation of several citizens of Walla Walla, Gen. Howard has consented to deliver a lecture for the benefit of the Lyceum and Library Association of that place. The General has requested me to write to you, asking you to send his maps of the "Gettysburg campaign and battle" to this place. The General thought that the safest method would be to send them by express; and as he will be absent upon his visit to Fort Colville, I think

it would be better to send them to me, that they may be hung in the lecture hall ready upon the Generals return. The 3rd of May is the date fixed upon for the lecture, so that the maps should be sent at once to prevent the possibility of their not arriving in time.

I am very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt.
Moses T. Harris
Captain 1st Cavalry

8.30 A.M.

Apl 19/71

General

What do you think of my bringing the Ladies & children up to Walker Station in time to meet you on your return from Colorado? Please let Sladen drop me a line to come up on the stage tomorrow. I had a good start this morning & am all right. Hope you will get through

Yours &c

E. P. Lawrence

Genl D. C. Houston
Present

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American Geographical Society,

COOPER INSTITUTE.

New York, Ap 19 1875

SIR:—

You have been nominated for election as a Fellow of the American Geographical Society by the unanimous vote of its Council. If you accept the nomination, please sign and mail the enclosed Postal-card before May 1 when your name will be submitted to the Society for election, after which I will forward you the official notification.

Very respectfully yours,

Alvan S. Southworth
Secretary.

Major Genl Oliver O. Howard
U.S. Army
Portland, Oregon.

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Oliver Wolcott Gibbs,
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Mayor's Office Received
Mar 1 1875

Confidential.

Drury College,
Springfield, Mo.,
April 20, 1875.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
U. S. Army,
Portland:

Sir:

The name of Professor George Collier of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, has been mentioned to me with a view to appointment to a Professorship of Natural Science or Mathematics. Having noticed in a recent "Advance" an account from you of a visit to Forest Grove & the University, it occurred to me that you might personally know Prof. C., or at least be familiar with his reputation.

You will confer a valuable favor if you will at your earliest convenience reply to the following inquiries, your replies, as well as my queries being confidential:

1 Is Prof. Collier thoroughly successful as an instructor & college officer?

2 In what department of study, or instruction, if known to you,

does he excell?

3 Does he work harmoniously and easily with his colleagues on the College faculty?

4 Is he an earnest and successful "Christian worker"?

Perhaps you will remember me as your fellow guest at Oberlin, Ohio, during the Oberlin Council, and as the son-in-law of Mrs. Douglas Putnam of Hudson, Ohio, also a guest at the same home with us. I was then President of Olivet College, Mich., but am now in a similar position here, building up a very promising young College here, on the New England basis, just where the brave Lyon fell in the late war.

There is promise here of a great work for Christ and high culture.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. Morrison.

Sitka, Alaska April 20/70

Gen: Howard

Dear Sir

As you will well remember, that I went up here only by your permission otherwise I would not have gone, you told me I would not need a permit in writings, as there would be nobody to interfere, now I went under the expense of putting up a building put a stock of goods, and now am forbitten by major Campbell to carrie on busines my busines is in Fort Wrangle, but frequently I have transaction in Sitka, and now I am strictly forbitten to land, if I dit I would be put under guard how is these, in what light may I tache these is the word of a superior officer not heated in America I doe not believe that you would tell a men one thing and mean a other, if I had done wrong I would sanction major Campbell's actions towards me, but being that it is a mere matter of prejudice

no men under the sun can uphold such conducts
the said Campbell also told me that I had been
telling a pack of lies, to you these I suppose is a point which
will have to be tested by law. in order to find which
of the two is a liar, not only these he proclaims
in presence of all officer that I was a swindler
a scoundrel and in fact other words which I think
is rather unbecoming a ~~offic~~ ~~and~~ gentlemen,

[illegible] respectfully

F. Vaux

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Washington DC
April 21st/15

My Dear Gen.

I wrote you some time ago in regard to the Stewardship of Howard University as the Election of President comes off in June I am anxious to have the matter properly befor the Trustees before the election comes off. I have already spoken to Mr Rusbey and Mr Langston. The boys are all very anxious to have us take the place I have every reason to suppose Wife & I can get along nicely and save something over and above expenses I have had nothing from Va in fact the terms of sale of my property have not been complied with and I am

in very needy circumstances as my position in the P.O. Dept only pays me $60.00 per month I think I ought to have the place and I have no doubt you will do what you can to help me. My little boy is attending school at the University and is learning very fast I intend to again renew the study of law should I succeed in getting this place I could thereby save rent and get along nicely I have not done well in the little store Mr Brainard I find charges me too much rent ($40.00 per month) and as I was disappointed in the capital I expected to receive I could not of course do much on limited capital We are all well business very dull Mrs Schoolcraft has not disposed of the property yet though

I hear she expects to do so and has ordered the Key turned over to Mr Alvord I did not hear who she expected to sell to but think they were New York Capitalists She thinks of closing up her affairs and going to St Louis. Mr Alvord is somewhat improved though not entirely recovered — The entertainments given at the Church this past season were quite successful I should judge The Jubilee Singers were very successful they were here twice —

Dr Rankin — sermons are as interesting as usual We like him very much —

Wife said to me last night that I ought to write to you and ask you to write a letter addressed to the Trustees of the University in my behalf as we need the place and can give satisfaction. I mentioned this matter I believe in a former letter & perhaps you have already taken hold of the case. If not I wish you would do so and send me the letter so I can file it with the trustees at an early date.

I am dear General

Your friend &
Off Sent
W. A. MacCarthy

Maj Gen O O Howard
Portland
Oregon

you know what is to be done, as my wife has been most wild with suspense for the past three weeks

Yours very truly
John Mendenhall
Bt Col & Capt U.S.A.

Genl O. O. Howard,
Comdg Dept Columbia

Ans. by telegram
May 11th 75
O. O. H.

Point San Jose Cal. Apl 22nd 75

Dear General

Genl Schofield sent for me some three weeks ago and told me that you had written to him, asking for a Field Officer to go to Sitka, and that in reply he had written that he had no Field Officer to send, but that the next best thing he could do would be to send me,

I hope General that you will conclude that it is not so necessary to supersede Campbell, as to take another Captain from his Company and send him up then to Command his Post

It would be very hard on Campbell to be so superseded if he has done his duty, and I understand that he is supported both by yourself and Genl Schofield, I most certainly would

feel very badly to go there and take the Command away from him - independent of the annoyance and inconvenience it would put me to

Had I been sent up there with my Company, on a regular detail I would have thought it all right but to be taken from my Company and made a Field Officer of, without the rank or pay is not pleasant for me to think of — Especially when it is for the purpose of superseding a good Officer whom I think has done his duty, as I would have done it had I been there; I am naturally kind hearted, but I don't think I could have any sympathy for the men he has had to deal with.

But if it is necessary to send a Captain Why not send Miller from Fort Stevens, he is an old Captain and one whom I think would do quite as well as Myself.

General if you will allow me to make a suggestion — Why would it not be better to relieve Campbells Company, after a little while, by one whose Captain would make an acceptable Commanding Officer Up there,

If you can arrange it so that I will not have to go, you will be doing me a vast kindness, I can't take my family with me, My wife's health is such, that it would not do for her to go, and I do not want to take my boys from school

But if I must go, can you tell me whether you will wish me to remain there till another change is made, or may it be only for a short time, Could I know how long I would probably be away I would better know how to dispose of my family

Will you have the kindness to send me a dispatch, as soon as

Office of Edgar Ketchum,

Bennett Building, 4th Floor, Rooms 2 and 3,

Cor. Fulton and Nassau Streets,

(Entrance for Elevator, No. 129 Fulton Street.)

My dear General

New York, April 21st 1875

All the way back on 4th February last you wrote me a very kind and gracious letter which made me glad and grateful. It came from your own hand too and is the more highly prized on that account. You will not imagine I could light-ly esteem such a gift — oh no. I have often thought of you: often think of you and your excellent companion. May you long be spared to each other. I and mine were allowed thirty six years and a half of happy life, and when that period was closing it was a stunning blow to me. I meditate on the past with feelings most tender and de-lightful — sometimes with feelings very sad. What a home I had, and what a mother had my children! Now, I wait with solemn, sometimes with joyful interest, the call to me, to come up also. Your words are very sweet to me "The has gone to her rest. May the Lord help you to wait on Him with cheerful comfort that you may not too much miss her. The gateway is always dark: but this side and beyond it there may be abundant light!" Yes — yes, my dear friend, there is indeed, and I am joyfully conscious of this at times.

I am still engaged in active work. By and by perhaps it will be allotted to me to shaken this, — perhaps to close it. If health and strength should then continue it may be allowed me to go abroad a little, as I have never yet had the opportunity to do. What happiness it would give me to see your country, the real west now, and meet you and yours out there!

I was very glad to see Capt. Wellington. He went out with me to our Home of Refuge as you once did, and visited each of our three Schools and addressed them very effectively. Pray remember me to him with my warm regard.

You kindly mention my boys. They are well and are prospered, — and they have indeed "an example before them for the highest aspirations." May they emulate it!

Dear General, I am happy to believe that after all the toil and all the disappointments and sorrow of Washington life, and you are withdrawn to the active military service you now perform, you dwell in peace in that glorious western land of ours on the Pacific, and that you are happy there.

With loving remembrances to your wife and children I am

Yours affectionately

Edgar Ketchum

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

When parties go over the river on botanical excursions there will be no disliking to go then. I don't think I like Geometry as well as this mathematics, there is too much committing to memory, and it makes me nervous testing over a proposition after I have once read it over and seen through it. French literature is interesting now. Madame Girardin and Alexis de Tocqueville were the last we studied about, but French subjunctives and the long lessons in the grammar are not at all interesting. I am so rejoiced at the end of the week when Friday night comes. With much love to Mamma and the children, and a great deal for yourself, I remain

Your loving daughter
Grace

Vassar April 23. 78.

Dear Papa,

Jim and Guy each think you would prefer pictures of me with glasses on, so I enclose you one of that kind. The light strikes on the concave glasses, making two white streaks in them. I have sent you one of two that are the only ones quite free from this reflection. I do not think that Pait has printed off this kind as well as he did the others, although he tried to work off that light from it. Gracie in two pictures. All the photos each are over. Miss Lovejoy gives us long lessons in Horace in advance and never catches up. The mathematics are pretty hard but I am sorry that I learned so little of that kind in instruction. Pro Sa.

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going out to walk with Bertie, please
says the mariners clearing the ice
out of the lake, so we will have the
boats in before Washington's day, next
Thursday. Bertie and I are invited
to be hostesses in the dining room.
Jessie is to be one of the reception com-
mittee in the parlor. We will only
have to be in the dining room half
an hour. Our blue silk muslin came
from W. today, alas it does not fit
well too large across the back, so
when Bertie's friend Mattie came
to take us to ride tomorrow
I am going to have my dressmaker
fix it for me. This is a letter from
Mamma, I do not know of
any great news for you, as usual
I have bad news for you in regard
to my money accounts. I now am
in a tight place, owing Bertie over
$[illegible] bill
month before I get an answer from
you I don't know what I shall do
this is besides the $20 dollars I
owe elsewhere. I wish I had an
allowance coming regularly, then
I would not get into such tight
places. It is now just after supper
& Chapel & it has been a warm spring
day, and now the sky is covered
with dark blue clouds streaked
with red near the horizon. Bertie
sits looking out the window and
says that tomorrow is going to be
pleasant, & that we will be able
to go rowing. Prof Hackett told
her classes that she should take
three parties to a green house some
distance from town, one party on
Friday Saturday and now she
cannot find three girls to go.

Sitka Alaska April 26th 1875

Genl. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

I have been shown a copy of the "East Portland News" of March 13th 1875, which contains still more libelous and slanderous matter than anything I have seen yet. - I am about tired of being thus maligned. - I feel a perfect consciousness of having always done my duty and no more nor less since I have been in this country. - I am a great way off and these outrageous attacks upon my character if persisted in and allowed to go unnoticed will eventually damage me

of this post show that he is a mere of the same description. - Mr Lane told me that he used to be a Sergt. in our Sixth Regt.; was Comy. Sgt of Ft Stilacoom some years ago and robbed the Co of every thing he was trusted with. - The Editor of course is responsible for publishing such stuff. - I would feel under many obligations if you would see Mr Mallory the Dist. Atty. and or any other more suitable legal gentleman of ability and standing, (I know no one but Mr Ma.) and see what can be done in this matter. - May 12th 1875

By the steamer arrived today I have that fool Ackerfeld has written to you concerning my being suspended in command at this place. - If such a thing has been done upon of course I have no recourse, but I shall use full if it is so that I have been deceived and injured by

The articles are copied all over the country, and my mail has this month been full of clippings from papers in various states sent me by my friends. This paper has specifically charged me with murder, manslaughter, cruelty, and at last dishonesty, and conniving for profit with the store-keepers. I propose to you as you are absent, as badly overloaded as I am, that you see the State Dist. Atty. in my behalf, and endeavor to have the Editors or proprietors of this paper indicted criminally for libel; they richly deserve it, and the statute of the State, to which I have no access, must include libel in their provisions. If there is no statute, or if we cannot get an indictment, then I propose to institute a civil suit against the concern, laying my damages at five thousand dollars for each and every article published by the paper in which my official conduct or character has in any way been attacked. I prefer a criminal suit by all means if it can be had but will give them the benefit of the other if it is necessary. I am satisfied that the author of the letter from here is the same Wood. The records

issuably, by an give
to libellous and scandal-
ous attacks upon me for
simply doing my duty and
endeavoring to uphold the
law. — I was importuned
and personally asked by you
predecessor to go into the
suppression of this lyceum
business, and assured
I would be upheld and
protected. — All my acts
have been correct and legal
save the preventing the
run within five days
according to Judge Deady
and, as far as Thatch-
ing of the premises is
concerned, my correspon-
dence with your head
quarters will show that
by every mail I urged
in the strongest possible
manner that something be done

to rid me of them permanently. To release me from my commands after such unpardonable attacks have been so publicly made would go far towards leading people to believe that I have been guilty of all that has been charged by this vile paper. — I leave it to your judgment and experience whether this would be fair to me. I wish you would come here personally and see and hear for yourself. —

Very Respectfully & Truly
Yr Obt. Svt.
P. R. Campbell

The fact of the E. Pattison
Was being engaged in
no way interfered with the
responsibility of the
editorial & proprietorship. —

G. W. STICKNEY,
President.

G. W. BALLOCH,
Cashier.

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People's Savings Bank,

Washington, D. C., April 26th 1875.

Dear General.

I shall send you in a day or two by mail a small box containing the diploma voted to Rev. Mr Axling of London by the Trustees of Howard University at the last annual meeting. We want you to sign it as President. Mr Rankin has a chance to send it to London in a few weeks. If you will unscrew the cover and turn it over you will find it directed to me to come back. — Everything is very dull here. We have an exceedingly cold and backward Spring. Our good brother Dea Hodges died a few days since. His death makes a large gap in our Church. Matters at the University are progressing about as usual. Langston is twisting in every way to get elected President but he won't make it. Cravath seems to be our best available man. The A. M. A. dont want to let him come. but they must. as he can work for them as well as us. There is no one in your house as yet. Mrs S. is trying hard to sell it with some prospect.

of success. I hope the good Lord will yet so order it that you can come back to us. One friend at the War Department has been very quiet of late. I felt sorry to lose my good friend Gen. Sheridan but Beckwith is in command, and he is all right. Ned is at home just now on his vacation. He is a strapping great fellow. What sort of a country is it about Portland? would it be a good place for me to send George? There seems to be nothing here for him to do, and he is old enough now to strike out for himself. Remember me to Slade Batchelder and others as well as the family.

Yours Very truly

G. W. Pallack

War Department,

Surgeon General's Office,

Washington, D. C. April 28th 1875.

Brig. General O. O. Howard.
U. S. Army.
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you, in reply to your Communication of the 31st ultimo, referred to this office by the Adjutant General of the Army, that Dr. Ford S. Dodds, late Asst. Surgeon, 60th Ills. Vols, and Dr. Albert T. Lea, late Asst. Surgeon, 5th Penn Vol Infy, were on duty at Convalescent Camp, Nashville, Tenn, in 1862 and 1863. Dr. Dodds last known address is Anna, Union Co. Ills. Dr. Lea's address is not known at this office.

Very respectfully,
your obedient Servant
J. K. Barnes
Surgeon General U. S. Army.

Portland Oregon
April 29th 1875

Major Genl O. O. Howard
U.S.A. - Walla Walla
Washn Terry

Dear General
Allow me the
pleasure to introduce
to you, our friend Judge
Saml C. Wingan, now
en route to Walla Walla
upon his official duties,
and hopes to make your
acquaintance at that place.
Respy & Truly
Yours
E. B. Babbitt
U. S. Atty